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Submitted values are:

Choose a Project: Elmrock Estates (Fieldstone Farms) - Wheeler Road - North

Grafton - 36 Single Family Houses - Potential 40B Project

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Comments:

Dear Town of Grafton,

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**PLANNING BOARD
GRAFTON, MA**

I am sorry to hear of the planned high density housing development proposed for the Wheeler Road property called Fieldstone Farms/Elmrock Estates. I am familiar with the trails on this property and on the abutting Grafton Land Trust properties as I have hiked there. I also boarded my horse in Grafton for many years and have utilized the trails in the Brigham Hill area extensively for horseback riding.

The proposed high-density development would cut across a large area of preserved open space, punching a hole in the center. Breaking up this area will impair both the habitat values and watershed function of the woods above Lake Ripple. These values and functions are important to maintain as habitat loss and the warming climate impact more of our wild flora and fauna. In addition, it would create an obstacle for passive recreation like hiking and horseback riding between and across the various land trust parcels in the area. Therefore, I feel that intense development in this area is ill-advised.

Thank you,
Donna Peronace

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